

their vessels. The packages will consist of shipboard census reports (SCRs) (previously cleared by the Office of Management and Budget), envelopes, Privacy Act Notices, and a Form D-47, Census 2000 Location Report for American Flag Vessels. The ship's captain/master is asked to complete the Location Report and return it with the completed SCRs to the Census Bureau's National Processing Center in Jeffersonville, IN. Each owner/operator is asked to complete a Form D-34, Census 2000 Information for American Flag Vessels for any ship that did not receive a packet. The Census Bureau will use the information on the D-34 to prepare and mail questionnaire packets to these missed ships. The information on the D-47 will be used to geocode each vessel to its correct census geography.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will mail forms D-34 and D-47 to the owners/operators and ship's captains/masters who will manually complete the forms and return them to the Census Bureau for geocoding and additional questionnaire mailings, as necessary.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: D-34, D-47.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: American flag vessel owners/operators and ship's captains/masters.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

We estimate that 780 American Flag Vessels will be reported to us initially, and that 30 ships will be missed in our initial questionnaire package mailing.

Estimated Time Per Response: Form D-34—2 minutes; Form D-47—5 minutes.

Estimated total Annual Burden: 66 hours.

Estimated total Annual Cost: There is no cost to respondents for providing information on this operation, except for a few minutes of their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden including hours and cost of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 20, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Competitive Enhancement Needs Assessment Survey Program

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dawnielle Battle, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, room 4525, Washington, DC, 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and Executive Order 12919, authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to assess the capabilities of the defense industrial base to support the national defense and to develop policy alternatives to improve the international competitiveness of specific domestic industries and their abilities to

meet defense program needs. The information collected from voluntary surveys will be used to assist small- and medium-sized firms in defense transition and in gaining access to advanced technologies and manufacturing processes available from Federal Laboratories. The goal is to improve regions of the country adversely by cutbacks in defense spending and military base closures.

II. Method of Collection

Written survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0083.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 21, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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